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## PATENT

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Applicant: P.A. Billing-Medel *et al.*

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GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT

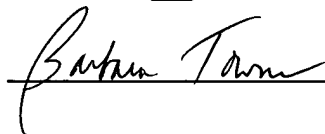
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### AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This Response is being submitted in connection with the Office Action mailed on August 12, 2003 in the above-identified application. No charge is required for the submission of this Response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 23-0785 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 which may be required by this paper.

Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.